

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

CASE NO. 3:04-CV-146-99HTS

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

SEA STAR LINE, LLC,  
a limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

-VS-

EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC.,  
a corporation,

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO  
FLA. STAT. ANN. §48.161, §48.181

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority personally appeared  
TIMOTHY J. ARMSTRONG, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Affiant is attorney for Plaintiff, SEA STAR LINE,  
LLC, and has personal knowledge of the facts stated below.

2. Pursuant to Chapter 48, Florida Statutes, the  
Florida Secretary of State as statutory agent for Defendant,  
EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC., accepted and filed copies of the  
Summons and Complaint in the instant case on March 19, 2004 at 4:00  
P.M.

3. On March 25, 2004, Affiant sent by certified mail,  
copies of the Complaint, Summons, Return of Service on the Florida  
Secretary of State, Notice of Designation Under Local Rule 3.05,  
and Case Management Report to Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING,

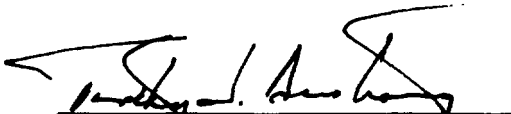
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INC. at 101 South King Street, Gloucester City, New Jersey 08030. Copies of the cover letter to Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC., and the return receipt are attached as Composite Exhibit "A".

4. Subsequently the original return of service on Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC., through its statutory agent, the Florida Secretary of State, was filed with this Court.

5. Plaintiff, SEA STAR LINE, LLC, has complied with all requirements of Fla. Stat. Ann. §48.161 and §48.181, authorizing substituted service of process on the Florida Secretary of State as statutory agent for Defendant, EMERALD EQUIPMENT LEASING, INC.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

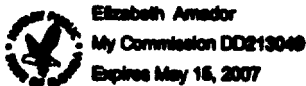
  
TIMOTHY J. ARMSTRONG

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE    )

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 2 day of  
April, 2004.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida  
at Large

My Commission Expires:



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March 25, 2004

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT

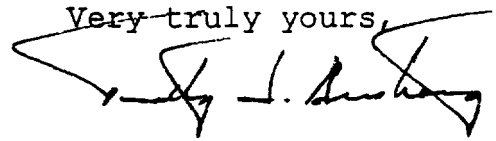
Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.  
101 South King Street  
Gloucester City, New Jersey 08030

Re: Sea Star Line, LLC v. Emerald Equipment Leasing, Inc.  
Case No. 3:04-CV-146-99HTS

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are copies of the Complaint, Summons, Return of Service, Notice of Designation Under Local Rule 3.05 and Case Management Report served on you through your statutory agent, the Florida Secretary of State.

Very truly yours,



TIMOTHY J. ARMSTRONG

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Enclosures  
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Composite  
EXHIBIT "A"

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

**1. Article Addressed to:**

Emelia S. Simpson - 2487 E  
161 South King Street  
Gloucester City, NJ 08030

**2. Article Number**

(Transfer from service label)

91 708 2.55 3.35 287 5248

PS Form 3811, August 2001

Domestic Return Receipt

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

**A. Signature**

X *[Signature]*

- ☐ Agent
- ☐ Addressee

**B. Received by (Printed Name)**

*Hele Simpson*

**C. Date of Delivery**

- D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
- If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

**3. Service Type**

- ☒ Certified Mail ☐ Express Mail
- ☐ Registered ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise
- ☐ Insured Mail ☐ C.O.D.

**4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)**

- ☐ Yes

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